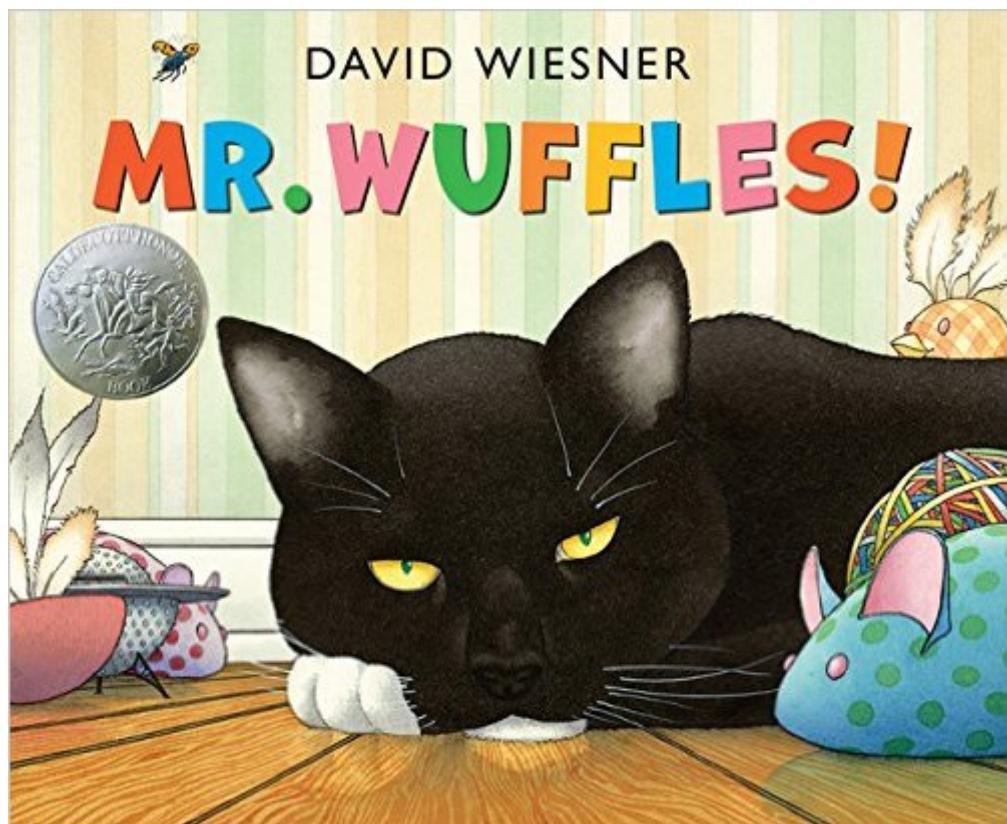


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# Mr. Wuffles! (Caldecott Medal - Honors Winning Title(s))



## **Synopsis**

A 2014 Caldecott Honor Book. In a near wordless masterpiece that could only have been devised by David Wiesner, a cat named Mr. Wuffles doesn't care about toy mice or toy goldfish. He's much more interested in playing with a little spaceship full of actual aliens "but the ship wasn't designed for this kind of rough treatment. Between motion sickness and damaged equipment, the aliens are in deep trouble. When the space visitors dodge the cat and take shelter behind the radiator to repair the damage, they make a host of insect friends. The result? A humorous exploration of cooperation between aliens and insects, and of the universal nature of communication involving symbols, cave paintings, and gestures of friendship.

## **Book Information**

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

Mr. Wuffles is a black and white cat with a lot of toys, and he's not particularly interested in any of them. Until one day a miniature spaceship catches his eye. Come to find out the spaceship is not a toy after all. Inside, the five green aliens - which sort of look like grasshoppers dressed in robes - are terrified as Mr. Wuffles playfully bats their vessel around the room. The aliens manage to escape their damaged ship but Mr. Wuffles is onto them. Then just as he's about to pounce, a flying ladybug distracts him and the aliens flee under the radiator. Inside the walls of the house they meet

up with an insect colony that has depicted their long war with the cat in pictographs on the wall. In turn the aliens, who don't speak bug language, illustrate their skirmish with the cat in pictographs. Friendship ensues. They pose for pictures and share a cracker. Together they devise an ingenious plan to repair the spaceship and foil Mr. Wuffles so the green aliens can make a clean getaway. As with the insects and aliens, Wiesner tells this delightful story in pictures consisting of colorful cartoon frames done in watercolor and India ink. There is no narrative and most of the dialogue is alien and insect language that young readers will have fun trying to decode. The pages of "Mr. Wuffles!" are jam-packed with humor, mischief, and action. The joy of Wiesner's unique storytelling method is each time readers open the book they will certainly discover subtle details they missed the last time and want to return again and again.

Astonishingly witty and imaginative story. Children will love to decipher the clever details and the way Wiesner plays with visual scale and motion. Mr. Wuffles himself is all cat: elegant, handsome, and a bit insufferable. Bought one for my 2-yr-old cat-loving and Spanish-speaking grandson--and one all for myself the next day.

Okay, I'll admit it... I'm a thirtysomething male with no kids and I still bought this book. As an animal lover, and particularly a cat person, I couldn't resist the amazing drawings of Mr. Wuffles. Having owned a few black cats myself I was amazed at how realistic the drawings of the cat are! The story is pretty amusing and features a small group of tiny aliens that land in a ship that Mr. Wuffles thinks is a cat toy. After narrowly escaping Mr. Wuffles they are able to enlist the aid of some bugs to distract the cat while they escape. The story is very basic and features the aliens speaking in their own language so it is easy to follow for kids of all ages. If you like cats or just enjoy well illustrated books then this is one to add to your collection for sure!

From now on, when my cats stare intently at seemingly empty corner (for forever), I'm gonna take a look-see for myself. You never know, what you might see. Cats are not the only curious creatures here on Earth. Forget about, 'Look to the skies!' .....LOOK BEHIND THE RADIATOR!!!!!!!!!

Who would think of combining space aliens and a finicky house cat with a bad temper? David Wiesner, that's who! The illustrations are totally awesome and the (practically) wordless story is easy to follow but still leaves some to the imagination. This book is brilliant!

This is a great book, with very few words but a fabulous story in the pictures. Any cat lover will recognize Mr. Wuffles as a quintessential cat. If you like science fiction and the concept of alien visitors, all the better. This book would work for all ages, adults as well as children.

This is really a beautiful book. It has the qualities of a graphic novel. You need to be able to put the story in words for little readers but it is gorgeous. The nerdy adults will think it is fantastic.

another wiesner classic! would have given more stars if available. beautiful artwork, great "catitude" with mr. wuffles, and wonderful humor. a "purrfect" story with only wiesner's art to translate the alien language of critters.

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